

## SCIENTIFIC NOTE

**Date of publication of Genera Insectorum, Fascicle 185, Family Empididae by Axel Leonard Melander.**<sup>1</sup>—The purpose of this note is to establish that the year of publication of Genera Insectorum, Fascicle 185 is 1928, not 1927 as generally accepted. It is possible also that the date of publication of other volumes of Genera Insectorum should be subjected to reexamination, in the light of information presented here.

Volumes of Genera Insectorum, Fascicle 185, Family Empididae, authored by the late Axel Leonard Melander, bear the year 1927 as the date of publication. Zoological Record, even though it cites Fascicle 185 in its 1928 volume, gives 1927 as the date of publication. I have not seen any published evidence in disagreement.

While compiling a bibliography of the scientific writings of Axel Leonard Melander, I was permitted to study, through the aid of Mr. Curtis W. Sabrosky, bibliographical cards contained in the files of the United States National Museum, made by both A. L. Melander and J. M. Aldrich, of the Melander writings. These were studied to check the completeness of my compilations. The Aldrich bibliographical card to Genera Insectorum gave 1928 as the year of publication with the notation "I received it June 2, 1928, the actual date of publication was March 1, as near as I can get it." With this information I became interested in finding if the 1928 date of publication could be substantiated. The Melander correspondence files which are deposited in the Historical files of the Pacific Coast Entomological Society were consulted. Even though there is correspondence between Dr. Melander and the editor, Mlle Hélène Wytsman, of Genera Insectorum covering more than a year, I did not find correspondence indicating the date of publication or the date of receipt of the six copies of Fascicle 185 which Dr. Melander is reported to have received.<sup>2</sup> There were letters from both J. M. Aldrich and W. M. Wheeler, acknowledging the receipt of their gifts of bound copies on 2 June 1928 and 4 June 1928, respectively.

I thereupon wrote to Genera Insectorum, requesting information as to the date of publication of Fascicle 185. It was my pleasure to receive a reply from Mlle Hélène Wytsman—who had edited Fascicle 185 over 35 years earlier, and I am indebted to her for the information establishing its date of publication. Her letter of 3 January 1966 indicated that she considered the date of publication is "undoubtedly 1927." She also states "The date of a book is always that of typographic composition and of the last corrections and additions of the author. After that the last 50 of [or] 100 pages, the Index must be printed upon the definitive paper, the fascicle must be stitched." "What [That] leads us till February or March 1928 for the delivery to the subscribers."

According to the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature adopted by the XV International Congress of Zoology, by Stoll, *et al.* (1964), article 8 (2) (What constitutes publication), a work, when first issued to be regarded as published within the meaning of the Code must "be issued for the purpose of scientific, public, permanent record;". The date of publication must be the date

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<sup>2</sup> Recent correspondence (January 1966) with Mrs. A. L. Melander, stated that to her recollection six copies were received by Dr. Melander. Copies of these were presented to J. M. Aldrich, C. T. Brues, and W. M. Wheeler. I possess Dr. Melander's personal copy; it does not contain a date other than the publishers' 1927 date.

issued—that of distribution or availability to the public. In this case, the date of publication is the date Fascicle 185 was sent to subscribers. It could not be the date merely of completion of typographic composition and of the last corrections and additions of the author, which might be weeks or months prior to its offer for sale or distribution to the public. For Fascicle 185, Family Empididae, Genera Insectorum, the date of publication should be considered as February or March 1928. There are over 250 new generic and specific names proposed in this volume which are affected.—PAUL H. ARNAUD, JR., *California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco*.

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### CORRECTION

In my recent description of the adult male of *Arcynopteryx* (*Oroperla*) *barbara* (Needham) (Pan-Pacific Entomol., 42: 175–177) I made a serious nomenclatorial mistake in designating a specimen as the holotype. The nymphal specimen upon which Needham based his description of the species is the holotype. My specimen and the two additional male specimens, erroneously recorded as paratypes, are plesiotypes, and I am so labeling the three specimens.—STANLEY G. JEWETT, JR., *Portland, Oregon*.

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### A new *Dasymutilla* from Baja California

(Hymenoptera: Mutillidae)

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I have received from the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, the following new species.

### *Dasymutilla lachesis* Mickel, new species

FEMALE.—Head, thorax, and legs dark mahogany red, clothed with sparse, ivory white hairs; abdomen ferruginous; first tergum and anterior fourth of second tergum with sparse, appressed, white hairs and scattered, erect, black hairs, the thin apical fringe of the first tergum white; posterior two-thirds of second tergum and third and fourth terga with appressed and erect, orange hairs, the erect hairs thick and long towards the posterior margin of the second tergum and on the third and fourth terga; lateral areas of terga two to four with white hairs; fifth tergum with white hairs; white and orange hairs somewhat intermixed on fourth and fifth terga; all the sterna with sparse, white hairs and the apical fringe of each white. Length, 9 mm.